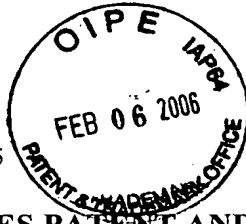


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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on November 2, 2005, please amend the above-identified patent application without prejudice as directed on the following pages:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.